

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A window stop for use in a window assembly having an upper sash and a lower sash, each sash slidably mounted in a master frame, each sash having a top rail a bottom rail and a pair of vertical stiles, each vertical stile having a front wall, the window stop comprising:

a housing defining a cavity, the housing having a cover defining a lip, the housing further having a tab having an inclined engagement surface in spaced relation to the lip, the engagement surface comprising a plurality of ridges, at least one of which is inclined away from the lip, wherein the engagement surface and lip are adapted to cooperatively engage the frame member, the frame member being any of a plurality of frame members having a thickness between a minimum thickness and a maximum thickness, the housing further having a projection extending into the cavity;

a bolt operably mounted within the cavity and moveable between a retracted position wherein the bolt is substantially located within the housing and thereby out of a path of movement of the lower sash and an extended position wherein the bolt extends from within the cavity and into the path of movement of the lower sash;

means for biasing the bolt towards the extended position, and

an actuator pivotally mounted to the bolt having a hook at one end for engaging the projection to retain the bolt in the retracted position when the actuator is in a locked position, the actuator pivotable from the locked position to a release position wherein the hook disengages from the projection to permit the bolt to move towards the extended position.

25-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A window stop comprising:

a housing defining a cavity, the housing having an end wall and a cover defining a lip;

a tab having a base portion mounted to the end wall and extending away from the end wall, the tab having a planar engagement surface distal from the base portion, the planar engagement surface being spaced from the lip and inclined with respect to the lip; and

a bolt mounted within the cavity and moveable between a retracted position wherein the bolt is substantially located within the housing and a locking position wherein the bolt extends from the cavity.

31. (Previously Presented) The window stop of claim 30 wherein the engagement surface is spaced from the end wall.

32. (Previously Presented) The window stop of claim 30 wherein a distal end of the tab is spaced from the end wall when the tab is in an unflexed position.

33. (Previously Presented) The window stop of claim 30 wherein the engagement surface is substantially smooth.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) A window stop comprising:

a housing defining a cavity, the housing having an end wall and a cover defining a lip;

a tab having a base portion mounted to the end wall and extending away from the end wall, the tab having a planar engagement surface distal from the base portion, the planar engagement surface being spaced from the lip and inclined with respect to the lip, the planar engagement surface extending from an inner edge of the tab proximal to the housing to an outer edge of the tab distal from the housing; and

a bolt mounted within the cavity and moveable between a retracted position wherein the bolt is substantially located within the housing and a locking position wherein the bolt extends from the cavity.

36. (New) A widow stop for use in a window assembly having an upper sash and a lower sash, each sash slidably mounted in a master frame, each sash having a top rail a bottom rail and a pair of vertical stiles, each vertical stile having a front wall, the window stop comprising:

a housing defining a cavity, the housing having a cover defining a lip, the housing further having a tab having an inclined engagement surface in spaced relation to the lip, the engagement surface comprising a plurality of ridges, wherein the engagement surface and lip are adapted to cooperatively engage the frame member, the frame member being any of a plurality of frame members having a thickness between a minimum thickness and a maximum thickness, the housing further having a projection extending into the cavity;

a bolt operably mounted within the cavity and moveable between a retracted position wherein the bolt is substantially located within the housing and thereby out of a path of movement of the lower sash and an extended position wherein the bolt extends from within the cavity and into the path of movement of the lower sash;

means for biasing the bolt towards the extended position, and

an actuator pivotally mounted to the bolt having a hook at one end for engaging the projection to retain the bolt in the retracted position when the actuator is in a locked position, the actuator pivotable from the locked position to a release position wherein the hook disengages from the projection to permit the bolt to move towards the extended position.